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ATTENTION: TERRORIST SECTION, CID.

UNSUBS; [REDACTED] AIRPLANE [REDACTED] CI23, AIRCRAFT

SHOT DOWN BY NICARAGUAN MILITARY FORCES, OCTOBER 7, 1986; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OO: BUREAU;

ON OCTOBER 29, 1986, FRONT PAGE ARTICLE APPEARED IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, INQUIRER, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA. ARTICLE ENTITLED, "CONTRA SUPPLIES [REDACTED] PAID BY A FIRM IN LANCASTER COUNTY." THE ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY (X) STEVE STECKLOW (X), OF THE INQUIRER.

A SUMMARY OF THE ARTICLE FOLLOWS:

(X) [REDACTED] (X) WAS EMPLOYED BY AN AIR FREIGHT CHARTER COMPANY BASED IN QUARRYVILLE, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

[REDACTED] NOT IDENTIFIED, RELEASED BANK RECORDS FOR

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[REDACTED] WHICH WERE VERIFIED [REDACTED] OF HIS BANK, (X)

PESHTIGO NATIONAL BANK, MARINETTE, WISCONSIN (X). THE RECORDS

INDICATED THAT FROM AUGUST 8, 1986, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1986, (X)

~~CORPORATE AIR SERVICES~~, ^{PA} HEREFTER REFERRED TO AS CAS (X) WIRED

\$8,367.12 IN THREE WIRE TRANSFERS FROM ITS BANK, (X) FARMER'S

FIRST BANK, LITITZ, PENNSYLVANIA (X) TO PESHTIGO NATIONAL BANK.

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A HOUSE USED BY WILLIAM J. COOPER, PILOT OF THE PLANE. ^{MALE}

CAS WAS INCORPORATED IN HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, JULY 1, 1974,
AND OWNS (X) TANGLEWOOD AIRPORT (X), A SMALL AIRFIELD WITH A 3400
FOOT RUNWAY NEAR QUARRYVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, AND TEN MILES SOUTH OF
LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA.

CAS PURCHASED THE AIRPORT IN 1977 AND OWNS A CESSNA, FOUR
PLACED PLANE PER FAA RECORDS. IT ALSO LEASES SPACE TO SEVERAL OTHER
PLANES. CAS OPERATES OUT OF A LARGE RANCH HOUSE IN A WOODED AREA
NEAR THE AIRFIELD. THE HOUSE IS OWNED BY (X) EDWARD T. DE GARAY, ^{MALE}
^{PA}

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EDWARD T. DE GARAY

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AGE 45, SIX FEET SEVEN INCHES (X), A PILOT AND FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR.

HE RESIDES THERE WITH HIS FAMILY. DE GARAY GREW UP IN ARDMORE,

PENNSYLVANIA, AND ALSO USES THE NAME OF GARAY. HE IS PRESIDENT

AND TREASURER OF CAS PER (X) ~~BRONFIELD~~ CRAWFORD (X), A RADNOR

PENNSYLVANIA, ATTORNEY THAT INCORPORATED CAS. HIS WIFE, DIANE

AGE 38, A SECRETARY, AND HIS AUNT, AURORA ~~GARAY~~, OF NEW YORK,

A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PER CRAWFORD. CAS SHARES THE

SAME TELEPHONE NUMBER AS THE DE GARAY FAMILY AND DIANE DE GARAY

WOULD NOT DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH REPORTERS. EDWARD DE GARAY WAS

NOT CONTACTED.

(X) , CHESTER COUNTY AVIATION,

A SMALL AIRPORT IN COATESVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA (X), SAID CAS WAS A

AIR FREIGHT CHARTER COMPANY THAT HAD LEASED PLANES AND CORPORATE

JETS FROM HIS COMPANY IN THE PAST. HE SAID CAS HAD BID ON FEDERAL

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, BUT DID NOT KNOW IF ANY WERE OBTAINED.

STATED THAT HE HAD LEASED DE GARAY AIRCRAFT FOR AT LEAST FIVE

YEARS. HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF DE GARAY WAS INVOLVED IN

SUPPLYING ARMS TO THE COTRAS BECAUSE OF THE CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH

HIM ABOUT TWO MONTHS PRIOR. RAN INTO DE GARAY AT THE CHESTER

COUNTY AIRPORT AND DE GARAY BEGAN SPEAKING ABOUT ENGINES AND C-123

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CARGO PLANES. DE GARAY WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WAS "FLYING FREIGHT" ON C-123S IN SOUTH AMERICA FOR A COMPANY HE DID NOT NAME. THE IMPRESSION WAS THAT THE DE GARAY WAS MORE IN THE MANAGING RATHER THAN THE FLYING PORTION.

(X) 1146E [REDACTED] ADVISED

[REDACTED] WERE PERUVIANS AND ARE DECEASED. [REDACTED] SPEAK SPANISH FLUENTLY. A NEIGHBOR INDICATED EDWARD DE GARAY USUALLY STAYS AT THE HOUSE IN THE TANGLEWOOD AND THEN DISAPPEARS FOR A WEEK OR LONGER, NEVER SAYING WHERE HE IS GOING.

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